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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FMC INVESTMENT

REF: STATE 261523 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS HAD NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH FMC OFFICIALS SINCE SEPT 19. ELMER OLSEN OF FMC BEIRUT OFFICE IS A POSSIBLE CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CONTINUED FMC INTEREST IN NUBARIYA AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. DURING SEPT 19 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR PROPOSALS OF FINANCING THIS PROJECT WERE DISCUSSED. OF THE \$400 MILLION OF CAPITALIZATION OF THE PROJECT, \$200 MILLION WAS TO BE EQUITY WITH FMC ONLY TAKING 10 PERCENT OF THAT EQUITY.

2. THE LOCAL REP OF ADNAN KHASHOJI'S TRIAD CO TOLD EMBOFFS THAT TRIAD IS ARRANGING FINANCING FOR THE NUBARIYA PROJECT WHICH WILL TOTAL APPROXIMATELY \$800 MILLION. QUERIED ABOUT FMC, TRIAD REP REPLIED THAT FMC WOULD BE "WORKING FOR THEM". THE DISCREPANCY IN THE AMOUNT OF CAPITALIZATION FOR THE PROJECT CAN BE PERHAPS EXPLAINED BY DIFFERENCES IN SCOPE. AS WE UNDERSTAND THE FMC PROPOSAL, IT WAS FOR DEVELOPING ONLY ONLY ABOUT 27,000 ACRES ON THE

EAST SIDE OF THE DESERT ROAD BETWEEN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA AT NUBARIYA. FMC WAS INTERESTED IN PROVIDING CONSULTING OR MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE REMAINING 270,000 ACRES OF RECOVERABLE LAND AT NUBARIYA. TRIAD NOW APPEARS TO BE TALKING ABOUT
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UNDERTAKING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENTIRE 300,000 ACRES AT NUBARIYA.

3. PRIMIN HEGAZI HAS MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST FEW WEEKS HIS DISPLEASURE WITH WHAT HE TERMS AN EXHORBITANT FMC MANAGEMENT CHARGE FOR "PILOT PROJECT" AND HIS UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEDE THERETO.

4. FYI WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING OR CONFIRMING WHETHER UNDER THE TABLE MONEY WAS REQUESTED BY CERTAIN PARTICIPANTS, BUT CANNOT EXCLUDE THIS POSSIBILITY.
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